

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday, July 27, 2025

PRELUDE “Firm Foundation” Don Moen

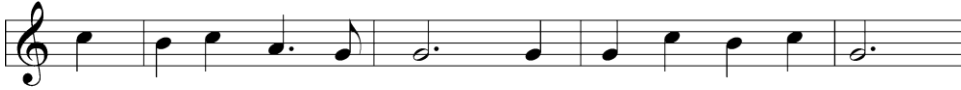
RINGING OF THE BELLS

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN 807 When Morning Gilds the Skies



1 When morn-ing gilds the skies, My heart, a - wak - ing, cries,
2 When mirth for mu - sic longs, This is my song of songs:
3 No love - lier an - ti - phon In all high heav'n is known
4 Ye na - tions of man - kind, In this your con - cord find:



“May Je - sus Christ be praised!” When eve - ning shad - ows fall,
“May Je - sus Christ be praised!” God’s ho - ly house of prayer
Than “Je - sus Christ be praised!” There to the e - ter - nal Word
“May Je - sus Christ be praised!” Let all the earth a - round



This rings my cur-few call: “May Je - sus Christ be praised!”
Hath none that can com-pare With “Je - sus Christ be praised!”
The e - ter - nal psalm is heard: “May Je - sus Christ be praised!”
Ring joy - ous with the sound: “May Je - sus Christ be praised!”

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CALL TO WORSHIP (*Psalm 50:1-2*)

P The mighty one, God the Lord, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

C Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.

INVOCATION

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Confession

Psalm 14:2-3

P The Lord looks down from heaven on the children of man, to see if there are any who understand, who seek after God.

C **They have all turned aside; together they have become corrupt; there is none who does good, not even one.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Absolution

Psalm 103:8-14

P The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.


C **He will not always accuse, nor will he keep his anger forever.**

P He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.

C **For as the heavens are far above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us.**

P As a father has compassion for his children, so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him.

C **For he knows how we were made; he remembers that we are dust.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen. The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit.** (*Psalm 34:18*)

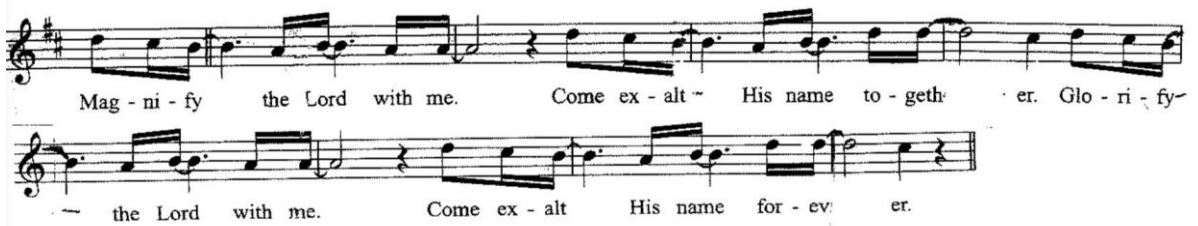
Song of Praise - Psalm 34 (Taste and See)

Verse 1

I sought the Lord and He answered me
And delivered me from every fear
Those who look on Him are radiant
They'll never be ashamed
They'll never be ashamed

Verse 2

This poor man cried and the Lord heard me
And saved me from my enemies
The Son of God surrounds His saints
He will deliver them
He will deliver them
Chorus



Verse 3

O taste and see that the Lord is good
 O blessed is he who hides in Him
 O fear the Lord O all you saints
 He'll give you everything
 He'll give you everything
Chorus

Bridge

Let us bless the Lord
 Every day and night
 Never ending praise
 May our incense rise
 (REPEAT)

Chorus

COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: Lord, we gather today as your holy people to magnify and exalt your name together. Build up our faith on the rock of Christ, and as you send us back into the world, keep us from evil and turn us toward your good. Help us always to seek the peace that only comes from you, knowing that in you, you alone, we lack no good thing.

C: Amen.

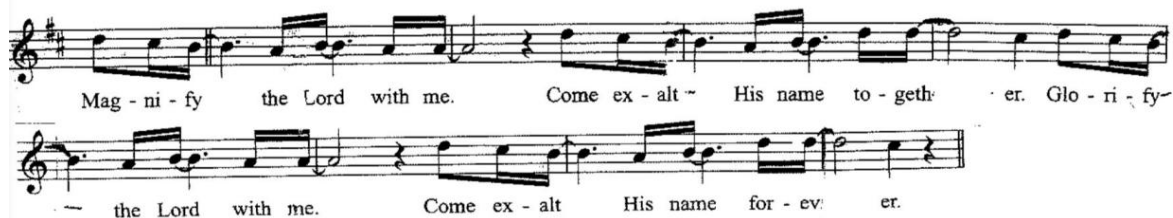
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OLD TESTAMENT READING *Psalms 34*

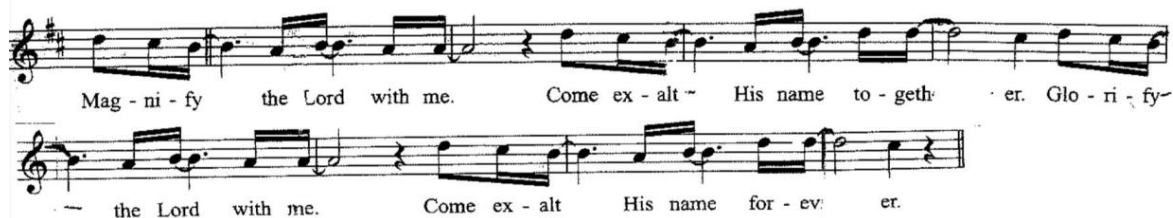
I will bless the LORD at all times;
 his praise shall continually be in my mouth.
 My soul makes its boast in the LORD;
 let the humble hear and be glad.
 Oh, magnify the LORD with me,
 and let us exalt his name together!



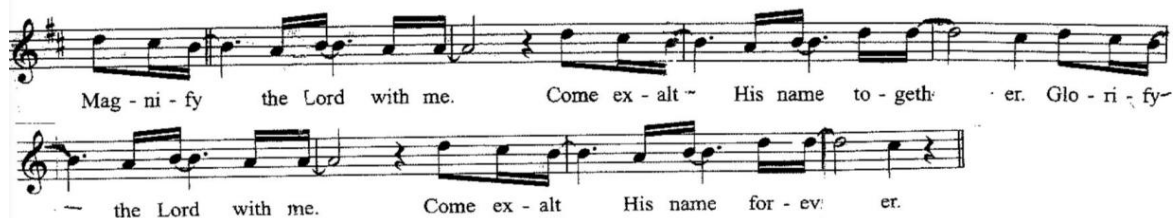
I sought the LORD, and he answered me
and delivered me from all my fears.
Those who look to him are radiant,
and their faces shall never be ashamed.
This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him
and saved him out of all his troubles.
The angel of the LORD encamps
around those who fear him,
and delivers them.



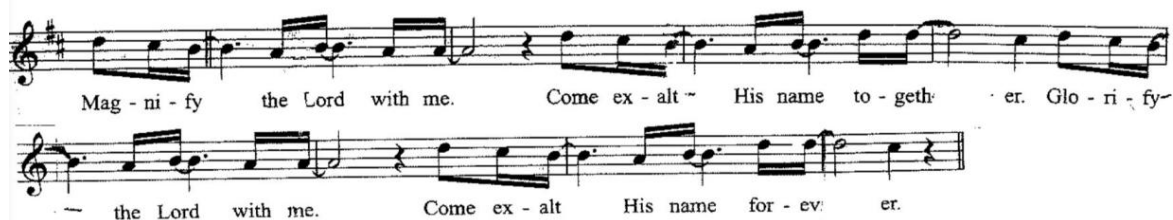
Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good!
Blessèd is the man who takes refuge in him!
Oh, fear the LORD, you his saints,
for those who fear him have no lack!
The young lions suffer want and hunger;
but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.



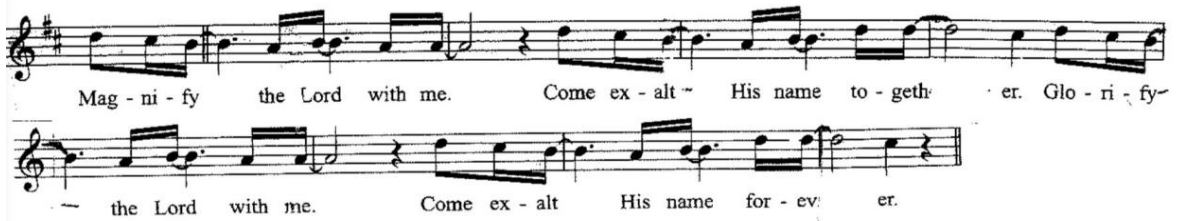
Come, O children, listen to me;
 I will teach you the fear of the LORD.
 What man is there who desires life
 and loves many days, that he may see good?
 Keep your tongue from evil
 and your lips from speaking deceit.
 Turn away from evil and do good;
 seek peace and pursue it.



The eyes of the LORD are toward the righteous
 and his ears toward their cry.
 The face of the LORD is against those who do evil,
 to cut off the memory of them from the earth.
 When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears
 and delivers them out of all their troubles.
 The LORD is near to the brokenhearted
 and saves the crushed in spirit.



Many are the afflictions of the righteous,
 but the LORD delivers him out of them all.
 He keeps all his bones;
 not one of them is broken.
 Affliction will slay the wicked,
 and those who hate the righteous will be condemned.
 The LORD redeems the life of his servants;
 none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.



Stand

HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 7:24–28

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 7th chapter

C: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

“Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it.”

And when Jesus finished these sayings, the crowds were astonished at his teaching,

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

APOSTLES' CREED

C **I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,**

the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.

Sit

HYMN OF THE DAY 728 How Firm a Foundation



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,
2 "Fear not! I am with you, O be not dis - mayed,
3 "The soul that on Je - sus has leaned for re - pose
4 "When through fi - ery tri - als your path - way will lie,



Is laid for your faith in His ex - cel - lent Word!
For I am your God and will still give you aid;
I will not, I will not, de - sert to his foes;
My grace, all - suf - fi - cient, will be your sup - ply.



What more can He say than to you He has said
I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,
That soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,
The flames will not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign



Who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?
Up - held by My righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
I'll nev - er, no nev - er, no nev - er, for - sake!
Your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine.

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

GREETING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Between each petition:

P: Lord in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those
who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

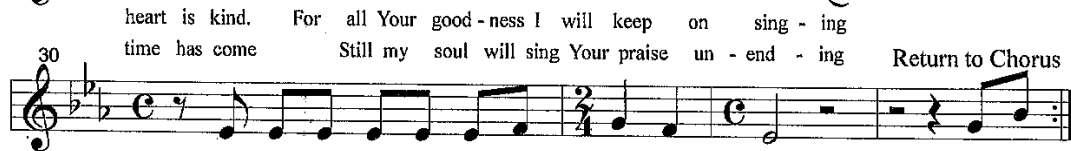
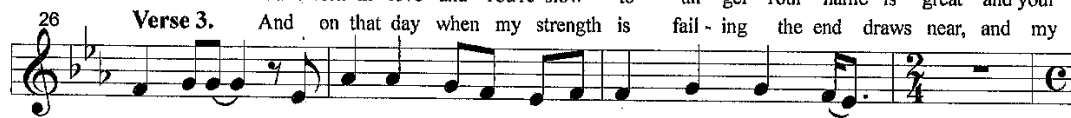
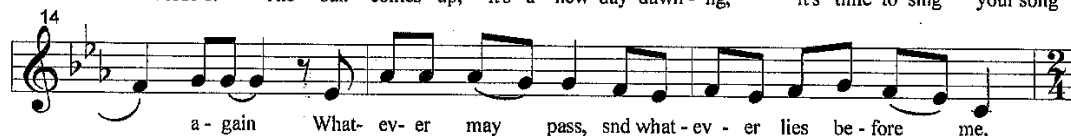
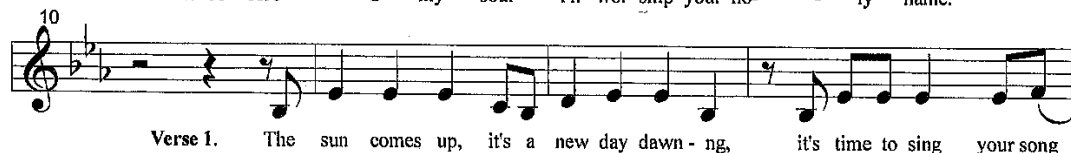
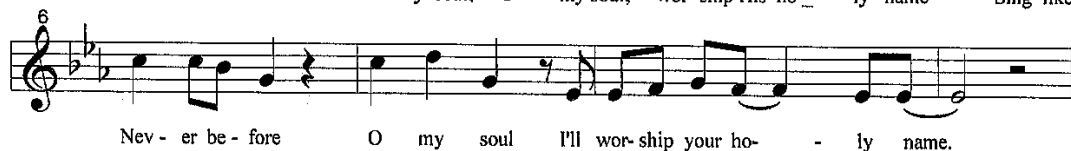
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN "10,000 Reasons"

Chorus



Ten thou - sand rea - sons for my heart to find. Bless the
Ten thou sand years. and then for - - ev - er more! Bless the

POSTLUDE

Serving in Worship:

Pastor David Nieman

Elder: Randy McGivney

Vocals: Shannon Sanew

Brass/Drums: Cheldon White

Music Director: Samantha Rose

Minister of Music: Kathleen Rose